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NEWS AND VIEWS

BUSY! BUSY! BUSY!

The last sections to be composed in each newsletter are the News and Views and the photo captions. It is Sunday, September 15, Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary as these lines are being penned. After two Masses and over 120 miles on the road, I'm about ready for a nap; but with so many delays already, if this issue is going to get out, I've just got to sit down and get this task accomplished. Msgr. Marceau, who wrote so many excellent articles for The Maryfaithful several years ago, told me he composed them a piece at a time inbetween daily chores and distractions. I'm beginning to understand what he meant. Later on this week my sister, Mrs. Jean Davis, will have to take time amidst her demanding schedule as principal, teacher, mother, and hostess to journey down to the newspaper office and typeset this for me. Then either I or Miss Colleen Kelly, whom I'm training to do lay-out work, will paste it up before we send it off to the printers 80 miles away in Colorado Springs. Then Colleen will activate the Wang Computer and print off the self-sticking labels of the constantly updated mailing list. So it is going to be mid or late October, probably, before you get to read these lines. That's about when I'm planning to be in Chicago for the traditional priests' meeting (Oct. 22-23) organized by Father Francis Le Blanc and Father Paul Wickens, two faithful, talented, dedicated, hard-working American traditional priest leaders.

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AS SISTER CATHERINE SAW OUR LADY EARLY IN THE APPARITION OF NOVEMBER 27, 1830

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MANIFESTATION OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL TO SISTER CATHERINE ON NOVEMBER 27, 1830

November 27 and made known what the Saint's mission was to be. Here are Catherine's words:

Her feet rested on a white globe . . . The hands were raised waist-high and held . . . as if offering it to God, a golden ball surmounted by a little golden cross, which represented the world. Her eyes were now raised to heaven, now lowered . . . All at once I saw rings on her fingers . . . Each ring was set with gems . . . the larger gems emitted greater rays and the smaller gems, smaller rays . . .

MARY'S APPEARANCE TO ST. CATHERINE JULY 18, 1830

I heard a voice speaking these words: "This ball that you see represents the whole world . . . and each person in particular." I could not express what I felt at this, what I saw, the beauty and the brilliance of the dazzling rays. "They are the symbols of the graces I shed upon those who ask for them." . . . A frame, slightly oval in shape, formed .....

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BACK PACK TRIP

On request and God-willing, I will organize a week long back pack or camping trip for a dozen or so (or less) traditional Catholics next summer. John Kosovich is the first one to get his reservation in--maybe he'll help me organize it. Ann Witzell, if you come, we'll try not to kill you by an exhausting hike in the rain the first day, nor give you a tent where a mouse can crawl in and scare you half to death.

WHO'S WHERE?

Linda Baldwin moved overseas and Richard and Bernadette Slusher moved to Pueblo. Linda Terrill has stepped in 4 days a week and Colleen Kelly a few hours a week. Linda has been on sick leave since the end of August. I expect her back tomorrow.

OUR GOALS

We've had our sights high, e.g. what you've read about the Little Flower Retreat Center - Rosenthal Ranch, Carmelite Convent..., yet we are being forced to keep our feet on the ground and deal with the nitty-gritty economic and personal limitations facts of life. Our little school is alive and growing back in the old 1889 schoolhouse, and we are dealing with the practical problem of how to adequately and economically heat it this winter. We're poor, but surviving and happy! Our monthly rent is $200 and teacher salary a squeaking-by $300 a month. "New" used shelves and several boxes of used library books and a yet-to-be installed used air-tight wood stove are counted as "new" assets for the 1985-86 school year.

We would sure like to see someone donate a suitable acre or so of land to us in town (one lady has subdivided and is selling many such tracts just west of my place, also my Novus-Ordo Catholic neighbors have subdivided a few acres they are trying to sell) which we could use to build a small log church, then eventually a small log school, and finally a log garage-storage building. We do not desire nor can we afford to go any further in debt, so the building will have to take place as the money and materials and labor become available, which seems a reasonable prospect. So the first thing is the building site. The 40 acres I wrote about earlier, north of town, was not within our financial means, so we are readjusting our immediate goals.

HOLDING FAST!

Since 1972 I have been travelling across the country meeting and periodically corresponding with a number of priests willing to serve the faithful remnant of the Catholic Church who have rejected the fraudulent Novus Ordo and opted to hold fast to the true and venerable traditional Latin Mass. And over the years I have met and ministered to many of these courageous Catholics. The Catholic Counter Reformation, as some call our efforts and orientation, seems to me to be more visible and growing today than it was say 10 years ago, despite the confusion and strife evident in many quarters. "For there must be also heresies: that they also, who are approved, may be made manifest among you." 1 Cor. 11:19.

For my part I'm living and learning (I hope!) and striving to put my own house in order, so to speak, just glad to be alive and a part of the visible Catholic Church, suffering as it is, and preparing and looking forward to the triumph of the true Church on earth and eternity with our God, His Angels and Saints.

A BUSIER SCHEDULE YET?

Some of the folks in Pueblo are trying to get me to spend more time there: Saturday confessions, Benediction every Sunday, weekday Masses...I can't keep up with what I already have to do, so how can I take on more?

I am providing a 7:00 a.m. Mass schooldays for parishioners and school children in Westcliffe, confessions from 7-8 on First Saturdays, daily Rosary, reading the Divine Office (frequently must be omitted because of distractions, travel, and you name it---- a frustrating circumstance----if I can't accomodate this duty, I should be cutting out activities, not taking on more, right!) making beds, doing laundry, making breakfast and/or lunch (I sympathize with you mothers who have children pulling on your apron strings and yet you so wonderously cook the meals, clean the house, do the laundry and Heaven knows what all), taking phone calls, taking care of mail, funerals, weddings, company, reading, sleeping, watching a little TV, yard work, shoveling snow, getting in wood, repairing the car...I tell you, I never complain about not having something to do!!!

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Old 1889 stone schoolhouse, now being rented to the Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

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WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

A couple nights ago I watched a one-hour video tape from Thomas E. Bearden, A.D.A.S., P. O. Box 1472, Huntsville, Alabama 35807 on Soviet Weather Engineering Over North America. Wow!! Science fiction is now science reality. If you think the nuclear bomb is awesome, the new (since 1921, but not in the college text books yet) electromagnetic scaler physics and how it can and is being applied is mind-boggling.

What's going to happen at the Vatican this December? Halley's Comet coming, a show, a portent? Where's the economy going? Is the bar code consumer identification number, electronic transfer of funds and all leading up to the time of the mark of the beast? World War III, Russia invading America, how many of us are really preparing? America in the Bible? It sure looks like it! How many are starting to wake up to the Holocaust myth and to the myth that modern Jews are descendents of the Israelites of the Bible, they are NOT God's chosen people?!

GROWING YOUNGER? & MORE IN NEED OF YOUR PRAYERS

I'm getting a little older, slower and mellower, I think! But who knows, now that I'm on Willard's Catalyst Altered Water and Bowstick tea (in fact, a dealer for both), you may wonder if I found the fountain of youth - ha! ha!. Thank God, several people assure me they are praying for me. I probably need their prayers more than they or I realize. My Jesus Mercy! Dear St. Therese, I'm going to put you back on my spiritual reading schedule as soon as I finish St. John of the Cross. If Sr. Benedicta and Sr. Therese Caritas or whoever found a traditional Carmelite Convent here, we are going to need St. John of the Cross's help, too, I would think. Is that okay by you?

The mountain trees and trails are so pretty in the fall of the year! This picture was taken on the way up to Horn Lake.

Catholic Mission Chapel in Zuni, New Mexico. The entire Zuni Inbian tribe became Catholic at the time of Cortez's expedition to their land.

Earl Cress showed the Cedar Hill, N.M., Carmelite nuns his home this summer. He would sure like to see them relocate to the Wet Mountain Valley.

Sister Therese Caritas and Mrs. Jean Davis discussing things at the Earl Cress residence. The Cress house on 46 acres is for sale and would make an ideal place for a Carmelite Convent.

Sister Benedicta enjoying the sights at the Earl Cress place near Westcliffe. In August she saw the light and quit attending the New Ordo liturgy.

7 Questions Most Often Asked Traditional Catholics

(1) Has the traditional Latin (Tridentine) Mass been forbidden by the Pope?

No. There is not a single papal decree banning the traditional Latin Mass. Furthermore, Pope Saint Pius V decreed in 1570 that it could never be forbidden. In fact, the traditional Latin Mass is approved in dioceses in England, and priests still offer it there.

(2) Why do so many priests and bishops say it is forbidden?

Either because they mistakenly believe it has been forbidden, or because they just do not want Catholics to have it.

(3) But in disobeying the bishops aren't you disobeying the Pope?

Not at all. It is true, many bishops say we are against the Pope because we hold to the traditional Mass. But these same bishops are approving outrageous blasphemies. For example, the bishop of Richmond, Va. has approved of Superman Masses, Mary Poppins Masses and "The Wiz is a Wow" Masses. The bishop of Rochester N.Y. has repeatedly permitted Clown Masses. The bishop of Cleveland has hosted ecumenical services with Protestants in the Catholic cathedral. Cardinal Cook of New York had the Dalai Lama of Tibet (whose followers worship him as God) lead a religious service in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. In 1975, the pastor of Saints Phillip and James Church in Columbus, Ohio held a Garbage Mass (yes, a Garbage Mass) in his parish church -- and he is still a pastor there seven years later! Yet, the very same bishops responsible have the audacity to accuse traditional Catholics of being disobedient.

(4) But why won't you accept the New Mass?

It is not Catholic... in its origins, text, effects.

First, because of its origins. It was drawn up to be a service acceptable to Protestants. In fact, six Protestant ministers were called to the Vatican to advise the committee in drawing up the New Mass!

Second, because of what it says. It is ambiguous and does not clearly state the Catholic Faith in crucial points. Several Lutheran ministers have acknowledged using the New Mass because they can understand it in the Lutheran sense.

Third, because of its effects -- it is poisoning the Church. In the few years after the New Mass was introduced, thousands of priests and sisters left. Vocations dried up. Mass attendance dropped drastically. In the ten-year span from 1968 to 1978 marriage annulments nationwide rose from 800 to 35,000 per year. The New Mass may not be responsible for all of this, but it certainly has played a major role in the disaster of the past fifteen years.

(5) Why is the traditional Mass any better?

Because it presents clearly the Catholic Faith that the Mass is the unbloody Sacrifice of Calvary made present on the altar, while the New Mass presents itself as a mere memorial service on a table. The traditional Mass makes it clear that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present, while the New Mass can be interpreted either way. The traditional Mass emphasizes the worship of God, while the New Mass stresses the celebration of the human community. The traditional Mass is offered expressly for the forgiveness of sins, but nowhere in the new Eucharistic Prayers does it say that the New Mass itself is offered for the forgiveness of sins. Finally, the traditional Latin Mass has sanctified countless people throughout the centuries, while not a single known saint had ever seen or heard of the New Mass.

(6) But if the New Mass is bad, how can the Pope approve of it?

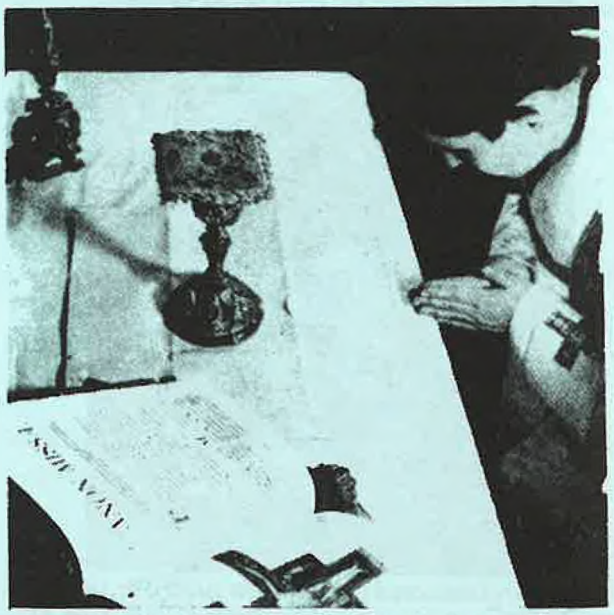
This is the hardest question of all. While we know, as Catholics, that the Pope is infallible when he speaks "ex cathedra," we also know that when he does not speak "ex cathedra" he can make mistakes. That some popes (even good men, like Saint Celestine V) have made mistakes is a matter of historical record. Saint Celestine actually resigned!

We also know, through the prophecies of Our Lord and Saint Paul in Sacred Scripture, that there will come times when many -- or even most -- Catholics will fall away from the faith. Perhaps Paul VI suggested that now is such a time, when he warned that "the smoke of Satan has entered the Church of God" and when he lamented "the auto-destruction of the Church."

Whether or not this is such a time, we know that such calamities are possible because Our Lord warned not only that they *could* happen, but that it *would* happen. And after the last fifteen years of disaster, it is clear that the New Mass is poison -- and the Traditional Catholic Mass is the only antidote. That is why we hold it so dear.

(7) New Mass, Traditional Mass -- Does it really matter?

Look at the crucifix. Remember Our Lords words to Pontius Pilate: "For this was I born and for this I came into the world -- to bear witness to the truth." Then ask yourself if it really matters.



Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts!

THE TRUTH ABOUT VATICAN II

A Vatican official, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, is quoted in the Miami weekly, THE VOICE, June 14, 1985, as saying: "Vatican II - Church is self-destructing." Why?

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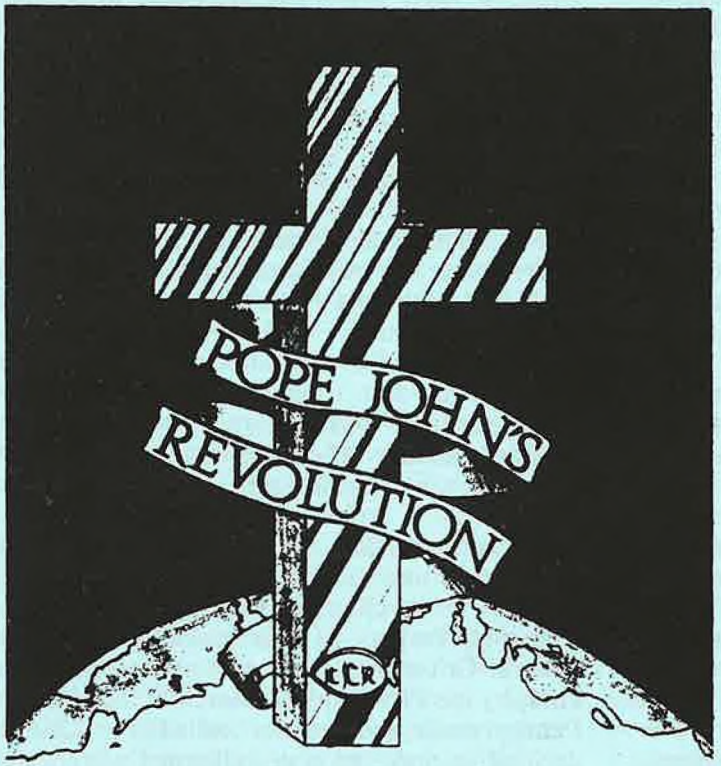

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Vatican II was poisoned before it began. Only its total abrogation can begin the rehabilitation of the Church and the restoration of the Faith.

A Traditional Catholic

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

June 15, 1984

Dear Father Jones:

We have been exchanging publications for some time now. I read yours and it gives me food for thought. As you know, I am not "a Catholic," although I believe that God, being Creator of the universe, is Catholic. But my recent studies, forced on me by circumstances, have led to certain conclusions, that I would like to convey to you and, if you think fit, to your readers.

What led me to this was a recent review of how the Supreme Court came to interpret the First Amendment as establishing "separation of church and state." The First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;" nothing about separation of church and state. Researching Supreme Court decisions, I found that, from the time the Amendment was ratified, in 1789, till 1943--over 150 years, the words "separation of church and state" were never used.

The case in which they appear arose from a dispute as to whether school buses could be used to transport Catholic school students, as well as public school students, using state funds. The high court ruled that busing was not part of religious instruction, however, the opinion said that the First Amendment erected a wall of "separation between church and state." That was in 1947. Earlier, in 1943, Jehovah's Witnesses had appealed a case, based on schools' attempts to force children to salute the flag. Jehovah's Witnesses taught that saluting a flag was an "act of worship." The lower courts had supported enforcement of the compulsion. The high court reversed, expressing the dissenting opinion that the First Amendment allowed government neither to favor nor restrict religious practice. Had they argued that compelling a salute of a flag that stands for Freedom is a denial of the principle for which the flag stands, I could accept that. But it was not decided on that, because that was not argued. And the decision in the later case was based on the former.

So, we now have it firmly established that "separation of church and state" is part of American law. It has in fact, become a religion in itself. So at that, let's back up.

In the 4th century, Emperor Constantine "converted" to Christianity, making it the state religion, for the first time. Was that good or bad? It was as a result of that that corruption crept into the then Catholic Church, which was what the reformers were concerned about. If you attend an Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, or even some Congregational church service, you will hear the words "holy Catholic Church" used, even today. What do they mean? Are they acknowledging that the Catholic Church is the true church which, by implication, means they are not? Or are they saying that God's church is catholic, of which they are a part?

One fact my studies have shown: the corruption against which Martin Luther worked so hard, never leaving the "church" of his own volition, was largely due to its being an established church. The Anglican church, first established by Henry VIII of England, was the beginning of another established church, which proved it could no less corrupt than had the so-called "catholic" church before it. The Anglicans were, in fact, using the existence of a reformation movement to promote a protestant church, for their own purposes--Henry's purpose being the changing of wives in the hopes of obtaining a male heir.

From then on, at least till the American "colonies" seceded by the Declaration of Independence, "non-conformist"--shall we call them "protestants" or reformers"?--people were escaping from Europe, where religious intolerance existed, to these colonies, where there was religious freedom. At that time, the Bible had been kept from the people. The Dutch (who were persecuted for doing so) followed by the new American colonies, promoted the circulation of the Bible in the modern tongues, and the use of schools to teach reading, writing and arithmetic--particularly reading--because they believed that religious intolerance was possible, only through ignorance of the Bible.

So, in interaction, reformation happened. The tight liaison that had existed between the Church of Rome and the monarchies of Europe,. dissolved. And the Founding Fathers of this nation sought to keep the Federal Government out of future encounters of that kind, by the First Amendment. The way it is worded, if Pennsylvania (cometimes called the Quaker state) decided to make its state religion Quaker, that would not have violated the First Amendment, AS WRITTEN. It would have been none of the Federal government's business, by declaration of the First Amendment.

God's Law required His people to be separate from earthly governments, not to form liaisons with them. When such liaisons started, corruption set in. Superficially, the monarchs may have been Christian. If you watched the marriage of Prince Charles and Dianna, you would have seen that both the Roman and the Anglican Church participated, but that the official function was performed by the Anglican, as the State church. A long way from the battles of a few centuries ago! And the participants (royalty) make expressions that were decidedly Christian. Would you call the Church of England, of today, an "established church" in the sense that the First Amendment was written to proscribe. I think not. About 10 percent of Englishmen belong to the "state church," and there is absolutely no penalty for not belonging to it. The vicious power and corruption is totally gone.

Instead, we find a similar power is being used in this country, in the name of words attributed to the First Amendment, but which in fact are not there: "separa-

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tion of church and state."

Now, as I read your Newsnotes, I ponder. At first your position seems somewhat inconsistent. On the one hand you stand firmly for the traditional Mass in Latin. Is that really it? I'll come back to this. On the other hand, you give space to people who are not even Catholic (even to me).

I believe that as a true Christian you accept the scriptural teaching that God looks upon the heart, not the outward appearance. And it is in this, that I find your position consistent, rather than contradictory. Why do you adhere to the Latin Mass? Doesn't the English translation MEAN the same? I think there's a dichotomy here. The Church of the middle ages exercised its tyranny because the people could not read the Bible. What Bibles there were, were not in the popular tongue. That was what the Dutch saw, and the American people continued. But the Mass? That does not contain the mass (not intended as a pun) of teaching that the Bible contains, so it is possible, and I believe encouraged, that the participants know the meaning in Latin, which for that purpose is an international language. Taking the same words into many different languages destroys that universality. Am I right in this postulate?

As scripture says, many places, God looks on the heart. If the reason for preferring Latin is to preserve that universality so that all speak to God in one language, I understand that. But when it becomes a "recitation" (for which Jesus condemned the Pharisees) it makes little difference what language is used.

I've heard the "Lord's prayer" recited so that all I could identify were the words, "Our Father which are in heaven...Amen." What came between was a blur. Could their hearts have been in such a prayer, even though the words, presumably, were in English? If they said the same prayer in Latin, would it necessarily mean any more?

I believe in the Truth of a few texts I'd like to close with. Paul wrote to Timothy (2 Tim. 2:19) "having this seal, the Lord knows them that are His."

Gal. 3:27, "if you are baptized into Christ, then ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

That is present tense, not future. Not something to strive for. What we need to strive for is recognition that all them that are His are part of that oneness IN HIS SIGHT. That is part of what Paul also wrote about in the first 3 chapters of First Corinthians. He wanted us to see ourselves and others of the Body, as God sees us, not as men, whether ourselves, or those of other "sects" see us.

When we look at things according to men, we see arguments, about words, that don't bother God, who looks on the heart. When we see things His way, we accept all our brothers in Christ, as such, and don't even recognize that man-made divisions even exist.

May God go with you. Yours in Him,
Norman H. Crowhurst

(Editor's reply)

Thank you for taking time to write. The question of the relationship between church and state is apparently a delicate, but important one. I don't know all the ins and outs of what went on over the course of the centuries, but from what I have seen and learned, I don't think there is any doubt but that Jesus Christ founded a visible Church and that that Church is the Catholic Church. I think that the era of Constantine was providential and began a new era in the life of the Church. Those first three centuries might be compared to the infancy of Jesus in which He spent in Egypt until Herod died. (That corruption also crept into the Catholic Church over the centuries I agree.)

A just government must submit to the natural law which our Creator put in His creation. God has revealed that He is to be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth. As St. Paul related, the Church is the Body of Christ. Just government must give due reverence to the Creator and to the mystical body of His Son; i.e. the Church. Spain is an example of a nation which gave a place of honor to Christ in His Church. Columbus, belonging to that Church, was a servant God used to open up the new world to His Church. It was Isaias, Columbus wrote King Ferdinand of Spain, that led him to the new land.

I think America plays a key role in many of the Biblical prophecies. But I'm getting sidetracked.

I think it is debatable if and to what extent the Bible was kept from the faithful during the Middle Ages. The Latin language in the Roman rite of the Catholic Church has served as a source of unity in that rite and as a safeguard to sacred doctrine. It also has helped preserve a sense of the sacred in the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass and in the administration of the Sacraments. If the Church decided there was sufficient reason to replace Latin with the vernacular, I would say fine.

But that is not what has taken place these last 20 or so years. The sacred rites have been mutilated and strange doctrines introduced under the pretext of changing to the vernacular.

It seems to me that the Church is experiencing its mystical passion (to be followed by a glorious resurrection).

I tend to agree with the sense in which you quote Gal 3:27, "if you are baptized into Christ, then ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Something, it seems to me, is being worked out, mysteriously perhaps, in our day to prepare the way for the era of one fold, one shepherd. The false ecumenism and patent hypocricies among the "Roman Church" and other major denominations is not what I'm referring to. But I think that the wheat and chaff are being separated; and pretty soon God is going to have the chaff burned.

I know you must realize that I have neither the time nor space to address all the different questions and points you raised. I think we both have a love of Truth, and so if space and circumstances permit, I intend to print your letter and this little reply.

God bless you, Mr. Crowhurst!

In the Little Flower, Father Daniel E. Jones

P.S. The Real Presence, the doctrine of the communion of saints, the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the veneration of the Saints, the use of sacramentals, the priesthood, miracles, etc., are all matters of truth and reality, and taught and esteemed in Christ's Church.

MASONRY

Mr. Regino Dias Redondo
Director of "Excelsior"
Mexico City

Attn. Mr. Francisco Huerta
Coordinator.

Mr. Director:

Regarding your current edition of the 2lst, I request that you publish the statements of Mr. Jesus Moreno de la Cruz, as follows:

a) According to the Foundation of European Culture, in December, 1983, Cardinal Ratzinger made a statement in Europe, confirming his revised "Mysterium Fidei - No. 69/70, the second quarterly, 1985 document wherein he refers to "an agreement published in February 17, 1981...based upon Cardinal Seper's 1984 declaration...which opened the door to an agreement that Freemasonry is not hostile to the Church. This 1983 statement affirms that nothing has changed with regard to the 1974 and 1981 statements..."

b) The Manual of Masonry published by Andres Cassard, Inspector General for Cuba and other territories and named 33 degree Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite by the Supreme Council; signed by General Albert Pike, the supreme authority in Masonic doctrine (per attached photocopy) and Albert G. McKay, author of the Masonic Encyclopedia, stated:

l) The Christian Trinity is a creation of the clergy. (page 629)

2) The First Commandment of God's Law that has been brought into rule by the Roman Church is quite different from that promulgated by God. (page 860)

3) That the Christians have completely suppressed the Second Commandment wherein God prohibits idolatry. (page 860)

4) That the Fourth Commandment, not only has been proclaimed as the third, but it has been falsified in its meaning. Thus, in place of keeping the "Sabbath-day," they command one to keep holy the holidays invented by men, thus effecting idolatry which is prohibited by God. (page 860)

5) "And for that reason, the pure and true religion is ours, and not yours, - and the Masons are the Christians, par excellence..." "Masonry is the advancement toward the splendor of all intellectual and spiritual progress..." "It is the word incarnate in humanity; it is the divine emotion; it is the God-man; in action, it accomplishes the great work of social regeneration, transmitting it across time and space into the bosom of generations; this radiant light, which shall lead mankind from ignorance into the splendors of knowledge, and from miseries and sufferings of life into the happiness of eternal prosperity..." Therefore, according to the Masonry Manual, Masonry is a religion and is antagaonistic to the Apostolic Roman Catholic Church.

Gratefully - requesting your kind assistance.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

June 22, 1985

Dear Father Jones,

Your publication of the ad for THE MOST SECRET SCIENCE in the latest issue (March-June) issue of "Sangre de Cristo Newsnotes," is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you.

"Sangre de Cristo Newsnotes," though difficult to sustain, is an increasingly important media for disinherited Christian Americans.

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Respectfully,

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March 5, 1985

Dear Rev. Father,

Received your note today requesting the ad to be placed for the SDCN. Shall be happy to take care of this.

There are two city papers in Ft. Collins. There is also a Senior Citizen's weekly newspaper (small), then, best of all is the "Thrifty Nickel." No news--just a thick paper. Up until this year it was sent to every town in northern Colorado, also southern Wyoming--but now it's divided--one section covers Larimer County--a large country with many large and small cities. Another goes to the other northern counties to the Colorado eastern boundaries. Will try to go to the office tomorrow of the "Thrifty Nickel" for more information--the deadline for this week is noon tomorrow, so will try to get it in next week's on the front page.

Also think the Wet Mountain Valley apostolate sounds GREAT--will pray for you and this.

The group here is so gung-ho on the St. Pius X Society--I don't know about them, nor what is going to happen. Wish and hope and pray John Paul II will put his foot down hard and hope the meeting with the Bishops solves something! This month's bulletin from Father Clarence Kelly (Oyster Bay, NY) stated that the St. Pius X Society is trying to convince the other half of the Society in the U.S. that they are joined to the Pope through Archbishop Lefebvre??? Very confusing!!!

What I intended to say--put me down for $100 on that mountain property, but will have to wait until I get my income tax done and paid for! Problems!

Happy to hear you will have a Carmelite Convent, since I'm a 3rd Order Carmelite!

May the Holy Trinity Bless you abundantly!

M.G.
Fort Collins, CO

P.S. Must add one more thought--as I've told you we bought an old school house on 3.9 acres across the road from a lake at north end of Ft. Collins with a mountain view. This is a small group and not much money, everyone works, but as you may guess, there are times when we've had to have EXPERT workers for electrical work, plumbing, etc. Since we haven't enough money to pay the high salaries, everyone prays suddenly, loudly, and sincerely to St. Joseph. Suddenly within 2 or 3 days we get exactly the help we need. This has happened time after time since last July as each problem arose. It's a miracle! Just finished the work to start making our own pews. Got an expert cabinetmaker who copied everyone's favorite pews from a funeral home here where we used to have Mass. Since a new furnace was installed, they decided the whole building had to be rewired--so the fellows tore out the ceiling--what good is an attic anyway--and are putting in a cathedral ceiling. Can't find an altar or statues--yet--back to St. Joseph!

That's my point--St. Joseph will help to build churches these days. Get all the parishioners praying at home and probably a novena or litany or both after Mass. Don't worry about keeping the laity too long--once one gets ready, spends the money for gas to get to Mass, what's 30 minutes more?

Prayers too--

21, Jan. 85

Fr. Daniel E. Jones

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July 16, 1985

Dear Father,

Please print this in your next newsletter.

"In thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary, Joseph, St. Therese, St. Jude and St. Anthony for favors received and many blessings from Our Blessed Lord."

Thank you Father.

S. C. Allen
Colorado Springs

Mountain Bob doing a little practicing with his bowie knife near his summer fuel wood cutting camp.

PRAYER

Taken from Parish Bulletin, Aug. 26, 1984, Most Holy Trinity Church, El Paso, TX

Pius XII, Encyclical on the Mystical Body, June 29, 1943, N. 96: "There are others who deny ANY IMPETRATORY POWER to our PRAYERS, and would spread abroad the idea that prayers offered to God in private should not be considered worth very much. Public prayers, they say, prayers that are made in the name of the Church are those which really count, as they come from the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ. Such an opinion is false; for the Divine Redeemer maintains closest union not only with His Church, which is His loved Spouse, but also with each and every faithful soul in it, and He longs to speak with them heart to heart, especially after Holy Communion. It is true that public prayers, prayers, that is, that are offered by Mother Church, because of the dignity of the Spouse of Christ, excel any other kind of prayer; but no prayer, even the most private, lacks its own dignity and power, and all prayer is immensely helpful to the Mystical Body.

97. "In that Body, thanks to the Communion of Saints, no good can be done, no virtue practiced by individual members without its contributing something also to the salvation of all. Similarly just because a man is a member of this Body, he is not forbidden to ask for himself particular favors even for this life, provided he is always resigned to the Divine Will. The members do not lose their own personality, and remain subject to their own individual needs. Moreover the Common practice of the Saints as well as ecclesiastical documents demonstrate how highly everyone should esteem mental prayer."

"REVISION"

The government is my shepherd, I need not work. It allows me to lie down on good jobs. It leadeth me beside still factories. It destroyeth my initiative. It leadeth me in the path of the parasite for politics sake.

Yea tho I walk through the valley of laziness and deficit spending, I'll fear no evil for the government its dole and its vote getters they comfort me.

It prepareth an economic utopia for me by appropriating the earnings of my grandchildren. It filleth my head with baloney...My inefficiency runneth over.

Surely the government shall care for me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in a fool's paradise forever and ever and ever.

CREATIONISM

By Fr. Tom O'Mahony

As the bankruptcy of the theory of evolution is becoming more and more evident; evolutionsts have taken to name-calling or, as the logicians call it, the fallacy of Ignoratio Elenchi. If a lawyer, for example, has no case or doesn't understand it, he is reduced to "abusing the plaintiff's attorney."

Such is the case with many of the abusive attacks on the theory known as Scientific Creationism. A recent article by Fr. Edward Darchbach, SVD, in OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, October 21, 1984, is a perfect example as it reduces the theory of "creation-science" to a mere "fundamentalist approach" to sacred scripture, and warns readers that "it effectively teaches a distrust of science and ultimately hurts religion as well;" that it is a "method of interpreting scripture" contrary to the one "favored universally by scholars and strongly approved by our Church;" and "leads to deep prejudice and bigotry against the Catholic Church." Rather a strong indictment, if it were true.

But, in point of fact, scientific creationism is not a method of interpreting the Bible, nor does it lead to a distrust of science.

In explaining the origin of the world, only a few theories have been put forward, depending on the religious beliefs of the authors. Some, who are atheists, maintain that matter is eternal and that the complicated system we see around us today was brought about by evolution, the perfect evolving from the less perfect, under the necessary laws governing matter. Others, of the same school, posit the existence of a Creator under whose guidance matter evolved until, for example, it produced all the species and varieties of plant and animal we have today.

Scientific Creationists challenge these theories by examining the scientific proofs for evolution, either blind or under divine guidance. They cannot find any in the fossils or elsewhere. In fact, they show that evolution is actually against scientific laws.

Consequently, they conclude that the only explanation of the universe has to be Creation. Creation cannot be proved scientifically as it is an instant act on the part of God, but by the process of elimination, it is the only explanation that is left us.

Scene from the traditional Latin Solemn Mass and Benediction at Father Francis Le Blanc's 35th Anniversary as a priest.

FRINGE BENEFITS OF PLAYBOY PHILOSOPHY

By Vernon Kirby

At this writing (last Friday), I have not yet heard the expected hue and cry from local self-styled civil libertarians and libertines about the audacity of a local group which picketed some of Buena Vista's pornography outlets.

Maybe they will remain silent, but somehow I doubt it. That's okay. We do have freedom of speech in America. It's a wonderful right which should be cherished, even by those who disagree over its application.

I expect there are those who become alarmed that people should exercise their right to try to get certain types of materials removed from the racks of local businesses. Usually such people are portrayed by the hysterical champions of "free speech" as persons dangerous to the Republic--and especially to the First Amendment.

It is truly sad to see the degree of ignorance Americans have about their own national heritage. Many actually believe that our Founding Fathers risked their lives and their fortunes to ensure we'd have the right to read and disseminate Hustler Magazine.

Many actually believe that the separation of church and state is written into our constitution or the laws of the land (it isn't).

A lot of people toss out quotes from Thomas Jefferson and other Founding Fathers that erroniously indicate they had licensciousness in mind when they outlined our freedom. You can produce some fascinating results by quoting people out of context.

Some quotes stand on their own, however, such as this one from John Adams, our second president: "It is religion and morality alone upon which freedom can securely stand...We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

The failure of a growing number of Americans to think through anything more complicated than tomorrow night's television schedule is a disheartenly dangerous trend.

Is it, for instance, even remotely logical to assume there is no connection between the unobstructed dissemination of pornography and the 700 percent increase in rape in this country since 1933?; that there is no connection between the constant sexual overstimulation via magazines, TV, films and records and the spiralling cases of unwanted pregnancy, child molestation, incest and various other forms of sexual abuse--not to mention the epidemics of AIDS, herpes and other forms of venereal disease?

Make no mistake: These are the fringe benefits of the Playboy Philosophy.

Are those who worship at the shrine of pluralism so blind in their rush to be "tolerant" and "progressive" that they can't see the suicidal consequences of carrying pluralism to its extreme conclusion? "Doing your own thing" is, ultimately a prescription for anarchy.

You know, you can use the same arguments for selling heroin that you can use for selling pornography. And why not?

This is a confused generation.

Freedom within certain accepted norms has become freedom from all norms, from all restraints. It's a freedom that leads to absolute slavery.

Pornography is a poison. Most people, I believe, recognize that fact in their more lucid moments. But despite its clearly destructive nature pornography is defended, against all reason, as a right.

The case for that position is very weak indeed. But even assuming it were a "right," other rights take precedence. Such as self-preservation.

Pornography attacks the moral fiber of the individual, the family, the community, the nation.

If you doubt that, here's some food for thought from the National Federation for Decency, the group that organized last Saturday's nationwide picket of 7-Eleven and other friendly neighborhood porno outlets:

*The FBI estimates that last year "recreational killers" (what a gruesome term!) murdered 5,000 people. Most such killers feed on pornography, says the FBI.

*One in four now-12-year-old girls will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime.

*Thirty-eight percent of all females in the country will experience some sort of sexual abuse before they turn 13.

*An estimated 1.2 million children annually are exploited in commercial sex (porn and prostitution).

*The vast majority of people apprehended for molesting children have admitted to police they imitated sexual behavior they saw modeled in pornography. Most of the rapists (57 percent) in one study said they imitated sexual behavior they saw in porno magazines. (Inmates at the Buena Vista Correctional Facility, by the way, have long been allowed free access to pornography. They can buy it at the prison canteen.)

*Newsweek says the porn industry in America is estimated to be a $6-billion to $8-billion per year business. Organized crime is heavily involved.

*Law enforcement officers say they routinely find a trail of pornography when they investigate sex crimes against children.

I'm sure a search of the psychology or sociology journals would turn up studies that purport to show no relationship whatsoever between pornography and the rampancy of sex crimes, abuses and deviancy in our society. Getting two social scientists to agree on anything is perhaps too much to ask.

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CATHOLICISM & CIVILIZATION

by Father Oswald Baker, The Presbytery, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE 38 9AB, England.

Our Lord's reception of the Magi, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, is always understood to indicate the universality of the mission of Jesus Christ. The Magi were Gentiles, non-members of the Chosen Race. Our Lord's mission was to the whole world. He came to teach and to save all mankind. Had Our Lord's task ended when He left earth, He would still have been the ideal Educator, and would have profoundly influenced for all time the education of humanity. In fact, He made provision for the perpetuation of His work by training a small select body of men, who for three years were under His tuition. In being commissioned by Jesus Christ, the Apostles, and their successors, the Catholic Church received a diploma and licence, stamped with the divine seal, to teach all nations. Our Lord's command, "Going, therefore, teach all nations," is the charter of the Catholic Church as a teaching institution. The Catholic Church is essentially a teacher. The purpose and aim of the Catholic Church is to promote holiness in the world, to teach, to rule, and to sanctify. Catholic doctrine and morality, liturgy and discipline, are all calculated to enlighten the mind, to purify the heart, and to raise man to God. Not even the most hostile adversary can indicate in Catholic doctrine or practice any concession pandering to sensuality or pride, or in any manner or degree condoning immorality. Not even all Catholics realize how unique is that stand. The authentic Catholic Church, which is totally distinct and different from the Conciliar Church, is unique in its praise and veneration of voluntary virginity, and in its faithful promulgation of the law of God governing the use of marriage. The authentic Catholic Church has been and remains always the nursery of saints. Authentic Catholicism is a climate peculiarly congenial to the development of sanctity. The saints are the grandest, most important, most influential personages that have ever adorned the world, and every one of them was taught by the authentic Catholic Church. Education consists in preparing us for what we must be and what we must do in this life in order to attain the heavenly destiny for which we are created. All true education is ultimately directed to that end, a process for which the Divine Founder of the Catholic Church is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It follows that the only ideal and perfect education is a Catholic formation. From the beginning, the Catholic Church undertook the direction of education, founded and maintained schools and institutions adapted to every branch of learning, and promoted the study of science and the arts. The artist of today, amid the squalor of his age and surroundings, has for consolation to turn to the traditional, authentic Catholic Church, has to betake himself to Chartres, Florence, Venice, Rome, Bruges, cities in which the culture of the Catholic past survives. If we were to take the products of the authentic Catholic Church out of our National Gallery, there would be many bare walls, and the same is true of all the art galleries of Europe. Over the centuries, the particular genius of Catholicism has been that while guiding mankind on the path to heaven it has at the same time transformed and improved conditions of earthly life. Wherever the Catholic Church has spread, its mission has been to raise the tone of morality, to elevate the status of women, to protect the poorer classes, and to alleviate social miseries, and on the whole the success of the Church's mission has been remarkable. This is no mere Catholic bias. All serious and impartial scholars, acquainted with the history of civilization, acknowledge the debt society owes to the Catholic Church. The Church of the Middle Ages, those centuries before the Reformation, conferred inestimable benefits on the world, notably on England. The monasteries had the dangerous gift of wealth, but they used it well, as founders of schools, teachers of agriculture, and easy-going landlords, generous towards the peasantry. In those far-off days, six and seven centuries ago, the monks were what in our time would be called cultured men, educated, refined, courteous, a privileged class who on the whole did not abuse their privileges. The clergy generally were men of wisdom and justice, dedication and purity, self-denial and self-sacrifice. The clergy were allowed to rule because they deserved to rule, being fitted for the task. Kings and nobles bowed before a power which was nearer to God than their own. The Church was a curb on the passions of rulers, a check on arrogance and extravagance. Though no longer an effective check on governments, Catholicism is still and will always remain the basis of good order in the world, still the guardian of true civilization and true progress, still the bulwark of religious certainty. In this present tragic phase in the Church's history, Rome has faltered and floundered. Infiltrated and hijacked, ecclesiastical Rome is now in the hands of the enemies of Christ and His Church, who are foisting on the world an impostor Church still claiming to be the Catholic Church. But the gates of hell shall not prevail. Our Lord has assured us 'the truth shall make you free,' and His authentic Catholic Church, however small a remnant it may for a time become, abides till the end of time, the sole authorized exponent of God's truth.

Family & friends at the Vivian Jones home in Delta after my father's funeral.

REFLECTIONS

By Father Tom O'Mahoney

(a) "Sacred scripture teaches us that the love of God cannot be separated from love of neighbor...To men growing more dependent on one another, and to a world becoming more unified every day, this truth proves to be of paramount importance." (Vat. II, GAUDIUM ET EPES, N. 24).

(b) "The scriptures tell us that we should start with God--not ourselves. 'This is the love I mean,' we read in St. John, 'not our love for God, but God's love for us' (I John 4, 10). It is a basic truth of the gospel that true fulfillment can only be found in God's love. Until I really accept that God loves me just as I am, and not as I should be, I will never find within myself the resources with which to love God, my neighbor, and myself. It is the power and intensity of God's love, and only God's love, that can bridge the gap in my life between the ideal and the reality" (THE LIVING WORD, Redemptorist Publications).

(c) "Love thy neighbor as thyself"--(Matt. 19, 19). "Do not, my brethren, speak ill of one another. The one who speaks ill of his brother or judges his brother is speaking against the law. It is the law he judges. If, however, you judge the law, you are no observer of the law, you are its judge. There is but one lawgiver and judge, one who can save and destroy. Who then are you to judge your neighbor?"--James 4, 11-12.

"I give you a new commandment: Love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other. This is how all will know you are my disciples: your love for one another." (John 13, 34-5)

(d) The wealth of scriptural texts dealing with love of God and love of neighbor must leave no doubt in anyone's mind that charity is the queen of the virtues, and that it is by the same infused virtue that we love both God and neighbor. Consequently, by failing to love one's neighbor, we gradually cool our love for God.

If you want to know how you are progressing in the spiritual life, examine your conscience and see how you love your neighbor? Have you presumed to judge your neighbor as guilty of sin? If so, ask yourself: how many sins have I committed?

Are you the local gossip-carrier or are you known to be partial to "scandal"? If you are any of these, you are no disciple of Christ.

Did you ever read of Christ, Our Lady, or the saints judging others, spreading yarns, or listening to the local garbage-collector? Of course not! Well, this is the example He and His saints have given you. "Amen, Amen, I say to you...if you know these things, you shall be blessed if you do them." (John 13, 17).

(e) "If you forgive the faults of others, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours. If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive you."--Matthew 6, 14.

"Treat others the way you would have them treat you: this sums up the law and the prophets."--Matthew 7, 12; Luke 6, 31.

(f) Little Jacinta of Fatima, who received many special visits from Our Lady, before she died gave this advice, reminiscent of St. John: "Speak ill of no one and flee from those who do."

What a happy place this world would be if everyone kept the greatest of the commandments: love God and thy neighbor because of God!!!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

6-30-85

Dear Reverend Father Daniel Jones,

Thank you once again for coming to Albuquerque to give the true Mass and wonderfully inspiring sermon to our remnant student organization. We need desperately good traditional and orthodox Catholic priests like you to come here now and then as possible. As a traditionalist student organization we are encountering the worst imagined opposition in this veritable Babylon known as the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Please inform your readers of our plight in your next issue of SANGRE DE CRISTO NEWSNOTES. Practically from the day we initially chartered we have been struggling against the forces of evil. First we chartered under the name Tradition in Action. Next we advertised an organizational meeting in the campus newspaper which read as follows: "Tired of being intimidated by a leftist minority? Join Tradition in Action." Of course the turn out was a strange mixture of the curious, the sincerely conservative and the covert liberal subversive. After purging the undesirable element we applied for the standard operational funding from the university. The result of this was that we were flatly refused any funding whatsoever by the leftist budgeting committee. This same committe approved a host of other student organizations for budgeting including those which are homosexual, feminist, occult and marxist in nature.

While it is almost certain that the university will continue its discriminating and unjust denial of operational funding to us, we are confident that our friends and fellow Catholics will help us in this regard. Donations may be sent directly to our campus address: Tradition in Action, UNM Union, Box 124, Albuquerque, NM 87131.

Sincerely in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Dave Mascarenas

MARRIAGE

Editor's note: I'm grateful to Mr. Leonardi for sending me this little essay on marriage. I think he is quite right. I plan to have any couples who come to me for marriage to read carefully this letter and keep it in a safe place where they can refer to it from time to time.

Dear Father...

I have a hundred or so nephews and nieces, most of whom are "married." And as one after another keeps banging on our door with their troubles, it has become clear to me that there is an urgent need for a standard guide here, an explanation of just what the SACRAMENT of marriage is all about; and this by someone in authority: "Upon whom the duty of imparting instruction devolves..."

Our own five children are also having their problems, for, no matter how much we as parents may advise them (agreed - it is the parents' duty - first and foremost) still, I'm sure the right words coming from a priest would go a long way in reinforcing our efforts.

Specifically, this is what we try to explain to all alike:

l) Marriage is first and foremost a Sacrament; and as such it is, of course, FOREVER.

2) The principle end of marriage is the begetting, rearing and Catholic educating of children, NOT "l 7/8" children, but as many as the Good Lord may please to send us.

3) The father is the head of the family and the mother is the heart; any mixing of these Divinely ordained roles (except in case of extreme necessity) is BOUND to produce disastrous results. Thus, the woman's place is in the home; the father's role is "to love and provide for his wife and children even as Our Lord loved His spouse - the Church." Now I know this is a "hard saying," given today's "enlightened" "You've come a long way..." atmosphere. Nevertheless: TAMPERING WITH THIS ORDER PRODUCES NOTHING BUT CHAOS! Who doubts this is invited to come to my house and wait with me for the next couple to bang on my door!

4) Next, the Sacrament of Matrimony is NOT a 50-50 proposition: multiply a half by a half and you get a quarter - you might say, a two-bit marriage. On the contrary, marriage is a l00-l00 endeavour that is the ideal each spouse is to aim at: making a lifelong l00 percent effort to help and please the other. (l00 x l00 = a hundredfold.) Of primary concern, ideally, is each other's salvation and that of their children.

5) Whatever other fruits may proceed from this "union made in heaven"... any strictly temporal goods acquired or sought after as an end in themselves INVERTS the order established by God Himself: "Seek FIRST the Kingdom of God - and all else shall be ADDED..." In other words, a couple contemplating marriage should have it inculcated upon them that ALL must proceed from purely spiritual consideration, then if it pleases Our Lord, even to SHOWER them with material blessings. Fine, and if not, that's fine also--perhaps an even "harder saying," here! In almost all cases I find today just the reverse: temporal blessings are feverishly pursued and THEN God is thanked - and this gratitude (however sincere) is the sum total of today's marital spirituality!

Please forgive me, Father, for presuming to make this bold suggestion, but I am convinced virtually NO ONE really understands the true nature and importance of this great Sacrament which may well be THE focal point of these, our troubled times--rivaling in significance, perhaps, even the dreadful, general apostacy of our hierarchy! I am equally convinced that should a short outline of these urgent considerations be set down by someone with "credibility," namely, a true shepherd, this then could be passed around to the great profit of all concerned.

Respectfully yours,
In Christ the King,

Daniel Feonardi

BRAVO!

(secretary's notation)

CARDINAL RATZINGER RAPS EPISCOPAL CONFERENCES

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In an interview granted to an Italian monthly journal, Cardinal Ratzinger took direct aim at episcopal conferences: "The episcopal conferences have no theological basis, as do on the contrary the individual bishops; they have only existence for practical reasons, and it is important not to forget this. In many of these episcopal conferences the espirit de corps, perhaps the desire to get along well with the group, or even a compulsion to conform, PRESSURES the majority to accept the AVANT-GARDE positions of the minorities.

"At the beginning of the crisis in l968 (the year of HUMANAE VITAE) it became evident that there was a need to have bishops who would be open to the world, but at the same time CAPABLE OF OPPOSING its negative tendencies. It is necessary, therefore, to give back to the bishops the authority in their own dioceses, FREEING THEM FROM THE EXCESSIVELY BUREAUCRATIC STRUCTURES OF THE EPISCOPAL CONFERENCES." (Emphasis added).

ADOLESCENCE

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It is widely fashionable to blame parents entirely for their children's faults. We hear the aphorism, 'There is no such thing as a delinquent child, only children of delinquent parents.' Like many glib sayings, it is surely quite untrue. Parents are emphatically not completely accountable for the character and temperament, personality, and talents, or therefore, for the defects and delinquencies, of each child. Various explanations and remedies for teenage toughs have been put forward by magistrates and prison governors, clergy and social workers, novelists and psychiatrists - professional and amateur - and still the problem grows apace. The U.S.A. has been afflicted longer and worse than our own country. Some years ago, certain U.S. judges, weary of protests from parents, "We can't do a thing with him," decided to make parents pay for their deplorable admission, and allowing their offspring to become unmanageable. Children were placed in care, parents were jailed. The result was that fathers lost their jobs, families suffered financial difficulties and internal bitterness, parents punished their children severely, the children 'got even' by committing further offences. Judges admitted that punishing parents had approximately doubled the number of delinquents. Parents are not always to be blamed for the way their children turn out. It may happen that a parent's indulgence, or severity, or lack of understanding, can damage a young character, but the effect of upbringing and environment can be exaggerated. Heredity and individual make-up can be underrated. No doubt some parents do, through weakness in face of social pressures, conform to fashions and fads. Wise parents, in their maturity, resist pressures which adolescents, in their uncertainty, accept and welcome. There at once is an occasion of friction. There always has been some friction between generations, and doubtless always will be. Inevitably the stage is reached when youth resents being told what to do, and parents resent the eagerness for adult privileges without the responsibilities. Adolescence is complicated, unpredictable, usually self-centered. Adolescence feels exposed, and is sensitive, self-conscious, and easily embarrassed. At no other stage in life does change take place on so many levels or so rapidly. The biological change of puberty is naturally accompanied by changes in emotional and social behaviour. The simple stable relationships of childhood pass into a new phase. In part the teenager still wants to be guided and protected. In part she rebels against authority and wants to break away. Romantic drives emerge, and will never again be so strong and concentrated as in adolescence. The state of chastity is an intricate, subtle, delicate condition. Parents in their ripe age know how easy it is in youth to mistake physical attraction for real love, and how disastrous the confusion can become. A girl will readily reply to admonitions that she 'can look after herself.' Many an unchaste lover has abandoned a girl and let her do precisely that. Unchastity spells lonely women and selfish men. The social stigma still attached to single motherhood is not the worst consequence. Unchastity checks and stunts the development of love.

Adolescence is tender, vulnerable, easily hurt. A correct basic understanding of the phase is not enough. Guiding adolescence is a demanding work. It requires a spirit of patience and forgiveness. It requires knowing how to listen and be flexible enough to change if change is warranted, and knowing, too, how to take a stand and enforce a principle if enforcement is required. It requires a refusal to be taken in by mass adverse criticism of present-day teenagers. Some teenage girls have genuine difficulty in handling their anger with parents who make blameworthy mistakes. Love and anger are not of course mutually exclusive, but it is painful to feel hostility toward someone you love. A girl complained, "When I was in my teens, my father began that 'awkward stage' in life." She was not trying to be funny, and was not being insolent. Her father did not, in fact, understand her need for some privacy and her right to some degree of independence. E.g. a girl is entitled to her own room, and if a father has the habit of walking in without notice, she is justified in resenting it. The home atmosphere, not the income, determines a family's real wealth. Personal happiness and personal success depend largely on home conditions. Blessed is the family whose atmosphere is cheerful, relaxed, and affectionate. Cars will age and disintegrate, clothes go out of fashion, holidays and travel come to an end, but a warm, happy family relationship lasts a lifetime.

The Harmon & Davis boys went with your editor to the annual Mountain Man Rendezvous near Westcliffe Memorial Day weekend.

May 1985 photo of the students in the Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Westcliffe.

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The Jackleg Miner

I STARTED OUT SOME TIME AGO, JUST WHEN I CAN'T RECALL.
I'M JUST A JACKLEG MINER, I'VE RUSSLED AROUND 'EM ALL.

MANY'S THE TIME I'VE PULLED THE PIN, IN THE DRY LEAVE MY DIGGERS HANGIN'.
HEADIN' FOR ANOTHER DIGGINS, AWAY I'D GO A BANGIN'.

I'VE PULLED THEIR GROUND WITH AN EIGHT FOOT ROUND.
DRILLED OUT IN AN HOUR AND HALF AND THEN GOT TRAMPED
BECAUSE AT THE SHIFTER I HAD TO LAUGH.

I SEEM TO DO EVERYTHING THE HARD WAY, DRINK AND PLAY AND BRAWL.
I'VE MADE SHIFT BELIEVE ME PARD, WHEN I COULD HARDLY CRAWL.

I CAN CARRY A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE BUTTE, THE FALLS, THE CREEK.
AROUND THEIR BARS I'VE BLOWN MY DOUGH FOR BETTER THAN A WEEK.

NOW, IF THERE IS SUCH A THING, IN HEAVEN, OR HELL, AS A STOPE, A SHAFT, OR DRIFT,
WITH YOU FOR A DIGGIN PARDNER, I'D NEVER MISS A SHIFT.

BOB SURE
IONE, NEVADA

To Father James
My Friend

Bob Sure

Keith and Jane Carrico from Scottsdale, AZ, help Bill Humble unload some lumber at his 12,000 feet high mine west of Hillside, CO.

Mountain Bob has been real busy cutting fire wood this summer. We did get to go on one two-night camping trip. His article "Yellow Fever," about prospecting, should be ready by the next issue, I hope!

Yard sales have become a pleasant "hobby" for my mother. People got some good buys at her annual sale in Delta.

Teachers from the mid-west enjoy a tour of Vivian Jones' dinosaur museum in North Delta, Colorado.

Some of the family and friends visiting at the Jones' home after my Dad's funeral in June.

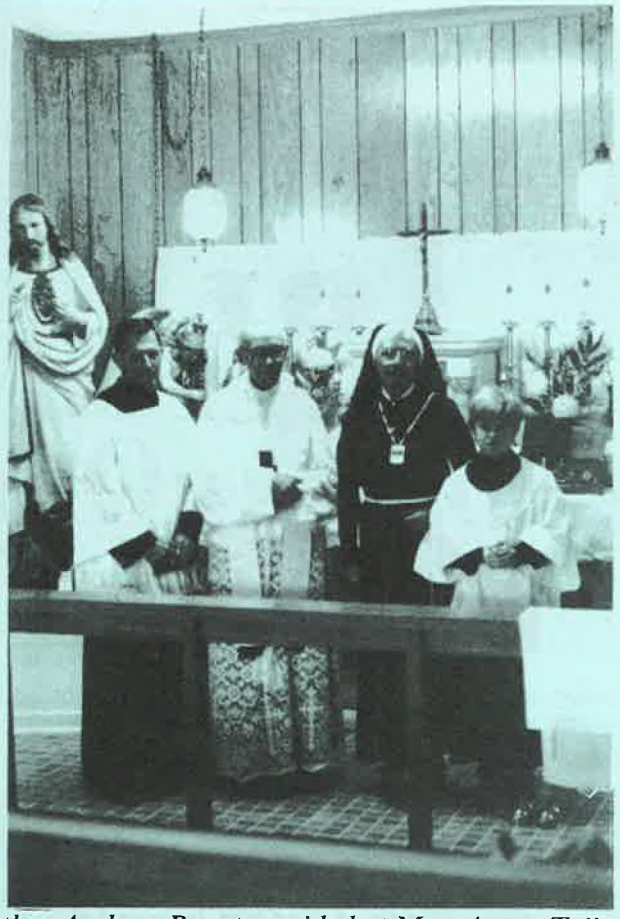
Part of Vivian Jones' beautiful mineral and rock display.

September 1984, your editor, Richard Slusher, and Craig Lewis packed into the Horn Creek area bowhunting for deer. We saw them, but came home without any meat. It was a lean winter at our homes last year.

Very rare dinosaur teeth found in the 1950's on Potter Creek southwest of Delta, Colorado.

Your editor at his 1984 Elk hunting camp. It snowed even more the next day. Didn't get an elk last year. Lots of adventure and exercise though!

The world's largest dinosaurs were found in western Colorado in the 1970's. In 1985 a spectacular display opened in Grand Junction. This picture is from the little museum in North Delta.



Father Andrew Bonet presided at Mrs. Agnes Talbot's reception into the 3rd Order of St. Francis last year in Florida.

Mrs. Maureen Marquez and her daughter are talented artists. Your editor visited their Phoenix, AZ, home last May.

Father Ignace Beran, Mr. Gary Guiffre and Rev. John Finley from Neceda, WI, enjoy a few moments together at Fr. Le Blanc's 35th. Fr. Beran was ordained 50 years this year.

Ray Flusche and Father Francis Le Blanc have a friendly exchange while Father Paul Wickens and your editor look on.

Joe and Laurita Cure at their home near Stratton, Colorado. Your editor has stayed in their home several times when offering Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel in Stratton.

Dr. Jeff Soisson works at Luke Air Force base near Phoenix. Fr. Paul Wickens and your editor were guests at his house last April.

Therese and Rosemarie Davis out for a ride in Westcliffe.

Tom and Poe Soisson spent a little time with Vivian Jones at her cabin during their visit to Westcliffe this summer.

Dorothy & Tony Wachter were married 55 years this June. A big help they were, too, to my mother after my father died.

Margaret and Mike Logel of Pueblo, CO. They made a trip back to their native Canada this fall.

Mon Dieu je choisis
tout ce que vous voulez !...
Sr Thérèse S. l'Enf. Jésus
de la Ste Face

"My God, I choose all that You will!"
--Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face.

"I have understood that to become a saint, one must suffer much, to seek always the more perfect and to forget oneself; I have understood that each soul was free to respond to the advances of Our Lord, to do little or much for Him, in a word to choose between the sacrifices that He demands. Well, I decided: "My God I choose all." I do not wish to be a saint by halves, that does not make me fear to suffer for you."
--St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Gerard and Ann Stevers from Ontario, Canada, visited your editor this summer. They are active in the traditional Catholic apostolate.